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Supreme Judicial Court Promulgates Maine Rules of Electronic Court Systems (RECS)

Portland, Maine. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court today promulgates the Maine Rules of Electronic Court Systems (RECS) which set forth the standards for access to electronic court records and efiling processes available through Maine eCourts – the Judicial Branch's new online court case management and eFiling system. The rules shall apply in those regions where Maine eCourts is available and for those case types and associated documents that have been eFiled or entered into the Maine eCourts system.

eFileMaine and other features of Maine eCourts will be implemented on October 5, 2020 for most new and pending civil cases and family matters in the Bangor District Court and Penobscot County Superior Court, as well as the statewide Business Consumer Docket.

Additional case types will be added and deployment will take place in other regions at later dates.

eFiling will be mandatory for attorneys and anyone filing or intending to file more than six cases that are filed and are not emergency cases in the current calendar year.

Please see the Judicial Branch website <u>www.courts.maine.gov/ecourts</u> for information about training opportunities on how to register for and use eFileMaine.

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